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THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF THE PAKISTAN TIMES MARCH 1  
ARTICLE WHICH REPORTS THE INTERVIEW WHICH PRIME MINISTER  
BHUTTO GAVE TO IRANIAN TV LAST WEEK. BEGIN REXT:

"TEHERAN, FEB 28: PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER  
ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO SAID IN A TELEVISION  
INTERVIEW RECORDED IN PAKISTAN AND SHOWN HERE  
TODAY THAT HIS COUNTRY'S CURRENT PROBLEMS  
STEMMED "ESSENTIALLY FROM FOREIGN INTERFERENCE."

"CHARGING THAT INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN WERE  
"INTERVENING OPENLY IN OUR AFFAIRS", MR.  
BHUTTO ATTACHED THE CLAIMS OF AFGHANISTAN,  
WHICH HE SAID AIMED AT ANNEXING PART OF PAKISTAN.

"BUT HE DECLARED: "THIS PLAN WILL NEVER  
SUCCEED. THE PAKISTAN-AFGHAN FRONTIER WAS  
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DESIGNED A CENTURY AGO. IT IS AN INTER-

NATIONALLY-RECOGNISED AND FIXED FRONTIER. NO TERRORIST ACTS WILL BE ABLE TO ALTER IT."

"HE AGREED THAT THERE WERE ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS, LINGUISTIC, CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL LINKS BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT PEOPLE OF THE REGION, AND THAT EXISTING REALITIES DID NOT ALWAYS TAKE ACCOUNT OF THEM.

"MR BHUTTO WENT ON: "BUT IF FRONTIERS ARE TO BE DRAWN ON THE BASIS OF RACISM, WHAT DID WE CONQUER NAZISM FOR? WHY DOES THE WHOLE WORLD OPPOSE THE DANGER OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION".

"THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WAS COVINCED THAT "THE NORTHERN GREAT POWER, THE SOVIET UNION, HAS NO INTEREST IN SUPPORTING AFGHANISTAN AGAINST PAKISTAN."

"HE ALSO REPROACHED THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT FOR "CONTINUING TO MEDDLE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF PAKISTAN" AND STRESSED THAT NORMALISING RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN DEPENDED ON THEIR CEASING TO INTERFERE.

"ASKED WHAT INTERPRETATION HE PUT ON THE FORTH-COMING VISIT OF AFGHAN PRESIDENT MOHAMMAD DAUD TO INDIA, MR. BHUTTO SAID IT COULD BE SEEN AS "ANOTHER PLOT AGAINST PAKISTAN"

"THE AFGHAN PRESIDENT IS CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO INDIA FOR A GAME OF BRIDGE," HE ADDED. "THE REASONS FOR THIS TRIP CAN ONLY BE TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THIS COULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE REPERCUSSIONS FOR US", MR. BHUTTO COMMENTED.

"ON INTERNAL MATTERS, PAKISTANI PREMIER POINTED TO SUCCESSES SUCH AS SECURING THE RETURN OF 90,000 WAR PRISONERS AND 5,000 SQUARE MILES OF UNCLASSIFIED

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TERRITORY AFTER THE 1971 WAR WITH INDIA AND PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY.

"HE SAID PROBLEM STILL TO BE SOLVED INCLUDED INDUSTRIALISATION OF THE COUNTRY, POPULATION CONTROL AND INCREASING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION."

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